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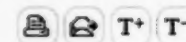
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October 15, 2007 - LES MÉLODÎNES AT PLACE DES ARTS Make your lunchtime a special event!

**5th season of *Les Mélodînes* at Place des Arts: October 25, 2007 to April 17, 2008
Every Thursday from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.**

CALENDAR

June 2008



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Montreal, October 16, 2007 – With **LES MÉLODÎNES**, Pro Musica and Place des Arts are offering you an invigorating musical break every Thursday at lunchtime from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Already in their fifth year, these enjoyable encounters with renowned artists and musicians are back by popular demand: a series of 18 weekly concerts will begin on October 25. The concept is quite simple: bring your lunch, settle in comfortably, and let yourself be lulled for forty minutes by beautiful music.

Developed by Monique Dubé and Pierre Rolland, this series of mouth-watering concerts will allow you to revisit some of the great masters of the classic repertory, including Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin, while leaving the door open to new explorations and discoveries. Klezmer music, Irish flute, Bayan accordion, choirs, operetta, folk, Venezuelan music or jazz—the menu is diverse and will satisfy the most voracious appetites. To serve these exquisite side dishes, Pro Musica has recruited an array of exceptional musicians, members of renowned orchestras and true virtuosos. Some of the names are immediately recognizable, while others will be duly noted.

The first concert of the 2007-2008 season at the Studio-théâtre of Place des Arts will offer classical-music fans and the general public a foretaste of the feasts to be served every Thursday. Young Quebec pianist David Jalbert, one of the major talents of the new generation, will dazzle audiences with his inspired interpretations of works by Fauré, Chopin, Shostakovich and Dinuk Wijeratne. As recently as last July, he was awarded the prestigious Virginia Parker Prize by the Canada Council for the Arts. Jalbert holds degrees from the Juilliard School in New York and the Glenn Gould Professional School in Toronto. He received his Master's Degree from the Université de Montréal at age 21, along with the Governor-General's Gold Medal for the highest marks of all graduate students. Jalbert has been a guest soloist with many prominent orchestras, including the Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto and Winnipeg Symphony Orchestras, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, and the National Symphony of Ireland. Since 2004, he has released two solo albums, the fruits of collaborations with his long-time musical partner, cellist Denise Djokic. With his highly personal style, incomparable stage presence and refined musical ear, Jalbert has enthralled audiences and critics worldwide. According to the *Toronto Star*, "Jalbert dazzles with skill, style and taste [...] with all the exuberance and finesse a listener could want."

The musical celebration at the Studio-théâtre of Place des Arts continues on Thursday, November 1 to the sounds of **Louise-Andrée Baril's** piano and **Ramsey Husser's** violin. This chamber music recital features works by Handel, Mozart, Szymanowski and de Falla. Pianist Louise-Andrée Baril is recognized as one of our country's foremost musicians. She has won several competitions across Canada and the United States, and has given numerous concerts on both sides of the Atlantic. The French-speaking audience will quickly recognize her, as she appeared for three years in the popular television program *FAITES VOS GAMMES*, hosted by the well-known violinist Angèle Dubeau. With over twenty recordings to his credit, Louise-Andrée Baril has worked with the *La Pietà* Chamber Orchestra and is a regular rehearsal pianist for the Opéra de Montréal, the Montreal Conservatory of Music and the Université de Montréal. Originally from Vancouver, violinist **Ramsey Husser** studied at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Since 1992, he has been a member of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, where he is currently Assistant Concertmaster. Husser has given numerous recitals and appeared in many chamber music festivals throughout Canada and the United States. Besides his work as soloist with the MSO, he has performed with other major institutions, including the Vancouver and Baltimore Symphony Orchestras.

On November 8, the **Do-Mi-Nante Quintet** will bring its energy and unique sound to Montreal audiences at lunchtime. The musicians of this new orchestra are young, dynamic and superbly talented. United by a common passion for music, these five friends come from four different countries, Russia, Ukraine, China and Armenia. They include **Evgenia Kirjner** (piano), **Xiaohan Guo** and **Robert Margaryan** (violin), **Elvira Misbakhova** (viola) and **Katia Bragina** (cello). The synergy created by their different instruments will electrify audiences, bringing sunshine into their workday. The aim of the **Do-Mi-Nante Quintet** is to allow the public to discover and appreciate the rich musical heritage of Russia. Their performance of Dmitri Shostakovich's Piano Quintet in G Minor, Opus 57, promises to be a real celebration. Add some caviar to your lunchbox!

The concerts of this 5th season of *Les Mélodines* will continue each Thursday until April 18, 2008. A novel and relaxing way to spend your lunch hour.

A co-production of Pro Musica and Place des Arts

Where: Studio-théâtre of Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine St. West
 Admission: \$8 (taxes included) – Bring your lunch!
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